DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Frank Cire on 11/10/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 12, line 1, replace "claim 10" with –claim 11--.

Response to Arguments

2.   Applicant's arguments, see pages 12-13, filed 06/20/08, with respect to claims 1-

4, 6, 7, 8, 11-14, 16, and 17 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 101

and 102(e) of Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 8, 11-14, 16, and 17 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3.   Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 8, 11-14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 are allowed. The allowed claims

are renumber as 1-16.

4.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regards to claim 1, The prior art does not teach a management unit capable of storing a plurality of offset amounts; and a specifying unit for specifying whether to select an amount of offset that has been input by said offset-amount input unit or to select an amount of offset that has been stored by said management unit,

wherein said acquisition unit acquires the amount of offset that has been specified by said specifying unit.

The prior art fails to anticipate or render claim limitation, i.e., the ability to store offset amounts for the print preview display as well as being able manage the offset amounts and applying them in the appropriate manner. The prior arts either singularly or in combination with other cited references fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

The same reasons can be applied claims 9 and 11.

In regards to claim 6, The prior art does not teach a management unit capable of storing a plurality of offset amounts;

wherein said preview display control unit selects an appropriate amount of offset from a plurality of offset amounts, which are stored by said management unit, based upon the print layout, and causes the print preview image to be offset and displayed page by page based upon the amount of offset selected.

The prior art fails to anticipate or render claim limitation, i.e., the ability to store the offset amounts for the print preview display, selecting the proper offset amount from offsets that are stored and being able to offset the pages, page by page. The prior arts

either singularly or in combination with other cited references fails to anticipate or render

the above underlined limitations obvious.

The same reasons can be applied to claims 16 and 19.

In regards to Claim 7, The prior art does not teach a print setting unit for setting a

borderless print setting,

wherein, if borderless printing has been set, said preview display control unit

selects from said management unit an amount of offset that is less than that in a case

where borderless printing is not set.

The prior art fails to anticipate or render claim limitation, i.e., the ability to store

offset amounts and applying them to borderless printing, wherein there is a decision as

to if borderless printing is selected to have a restriction on the amount of offset. The

prior arts either singularly or in combination with other cited references fails to anticipate

or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

The same reasons can be applied to claims 17 and 20.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Nicholas C. Pachol whose telephone number is 571-

270-3433. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thr, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

(EST), Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Twyler L. Haskins can be reached on 571-272-7406. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-

273-8300.

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